

October 11, 2017

Karen Mouritsen
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
Eastern States Office
20 M Street SE, Suite 950
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned December 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment of oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe County, Ohio --5 Parcels covering 350.06 acres available for lease.

ES-01	Monroe County, OH T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey Meridian	Opening bid: \$2/ acre	Open for bidding: 12/14/17 7:00 AM CST
<u>Parcel</u>			
<u>Info</u>	Sec. 25: W2SE, E2SESW, E2NESW, SESENW, NESW		
View on Map	Acres: 94.72		
ES-02	Monroe County, OH T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey Meridian	Opening bid: \$2/ acre	Open for bidding: 12/14/17 7:02 AM CST
<u>Parcel</u>			
<u>Info</u>	Sec. 33 NWNE		
View on Map	Acres: 40.13		

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ES-0 03 Parcel Info View on Map	Monroe County, OH T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey Meridian Sec. 34: NESE, NESESE Acres: 50.16	Opening bid: \$2/ acre	Open for bidding: 12/14/17 7:04 AM CST
ES-0 04 Parcel Info View on Map	Monroe County, OH T3N, R5W, Ohio River Survey Meridian Sec. 3: Pt. SE Acres: 115.34	Opening bid: \$2/ acre	Open for bidding: 12/14/17 7:06 AM CST
ES-0 05 Parcel Info View on Map	Monroe County, OH T3N, R5W, Ohio River Survey Meridian Sec. 3: Pt. S2NE, Pt. N2SE Acres: 49.71	Opening bid: \$2/ acre	Open for bidding: 12/14/17 7:08 AM CST

PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH MY ADDRESS PUBLICLY.

PROTEST

I. *Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests*
This Protest is filed on behalf of:

Julie Kronenberger
134 E. Royal Forest Blvd
Columbus, OH 43214

II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

- 1.) At our household we have reduced our fossil fuels combustion by 75% through a household plan over the past 7 years. (Changes in behavior+efficiency+solar power.) Catastrophic climate change due to global warming due to human activity is real. This is a scientifically proven fact and is specifically due to the extraction, use, and burning of fossil fuels.
- 2.) The Wayne National Forest (WNF) in Ohio, healthy and undisturbed, sequesters CO2 and greatly helps mitigate global warming.
- 3.) Proposed fracking in the Wayne National Forest would hasten the destruction of life on earth by contributing to global warming and catastrophic climate change. We are already in the 6th massive extinction of earth's history.
- 4.) Hundreds of millions of gallons of fresh water, used to frack, have already been lost forever as toxic and radioactive waste. That fresh water can NEVER be reclaimed. We need fresh water for human health and agriculture. There are now healthier alternatives to fossil fuels. There are no alternatives to fresh water.
- 5.) Millions of gallons of diesel fuel have been combusted in the trucks used to carry the water, waste and gas of fracking. This has caused a decline in the public health in communities near fracking and injection well sites. It is also hastening the destruction of life on earth by contributing to global warming and catastrophic climate change. To continue fracking would be insanity, especially in Wayne National Forest.
- 6.) Practices associated with fracking have caused many earthquakes. A few documented in the area of WNF recently:
Graysville, OH, Monroe Co., Dec 9, 2016: 2.1 on the Richter Scale
Graysville, OH, Monroe Co., Dec 12, 2016: 2.3 on the Richter Scale
Graysville, OH, Monroe Co., Dec 15, 2016: 2.0 on the Richter Scale
Batesville, OH, Noble Co., June 3, 2017: 3.7 on the Richter Scale
Graysville, OH, Monroe Co., April 2, 2017: 3.0 on the Richter Scale
This is dangerous and disruptive to communities and ecosystems.
- 7.) Every single person that has died, or become ill or lost their home due to massive numerous hurricanes and flooding this year. Every person who has died, or become ill or lost their home due to massive forest fires this year. These horrible events are previews of catastrophes that will be even worse unless we change course quickly and work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Methane is at least 86 times more heat sequestering in the atmosphere than CO2 in the first 20 years. Please: keep Wayne National Forest healthy and undisturbed.

Sincerely,

 10/11/2017
Julie Kronenberger